

## AGENDA



Thursday, October 16, 2008

**Health and Human Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
**Item No. 11**

**Subject:** Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$745,386 in grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Women, Infants, and Children Program; amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No.20080908-002 to appropriate \$745,386 for providing the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children services in the cities of Bastrop and Elgin and to add four full-time equivalent positions.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$745,386 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, WIC Program. The grant period is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. No City match is required.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Shannon Jones, Acting Director, 972-5410; Donna Sundstrom, Program Manager, 972-6844; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

**Prior Council Action:** Council approved the Fiscal Year 2009 Operating Budget on September 8, 2008.

The Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is a preventive program that targets women and children below 185% of the federal poverty level. The WIC Program provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and nutritious foods to pregnant women, infants, and children up to age five.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) requested the City's Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) provide WIC services in the cities of Bastrop and Elgin through additional funding. The additional staffing required for these new sites is four full-time equivalent positions: a supervisor, a nutritionist, and two administrative positions. Proposed additional funding includes an increase in the reimbursement rate for all program participants in the new clinics as well as those in the current City of Austin clinics from \$9.98 to \$11.28 per participant. The result is \$745,386 in additional revenue. The additional revenue will cover the expenses incurred for providing services in Elgin and Bastrop and provide additional funding for current WIC operating expenses within the City of Austin. All personnel and operating expenses associated with the additional clinics will be funded by the state grant with no supplemental support from the City of Austin General Fund. In addition, the grant funding includes reimbursement for indirect cost support so that City supervisors and administrative departments assisting with these outside clinics will be reimbursed from the State for their services.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimized the financial impact to the City.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

HHSD Related Departmental Goal: Reduce the racial and ethnic infant mortality rates by 10% by 2012.

The impact of this action on performance measures includes an increase in the number of WIC participants from 361,482 to 385,062 in FY09.